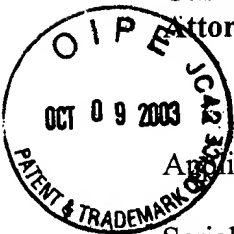


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Sir:

Applicant hereby requests that the time for responding to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2003 in the above-referenced patent application be extended for three (3) months pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a). With this extension, the deadline for response is reset to expire on October 9, 2003.

A Response to Office Action Mailed April 9, 2003 is being submitted concurrently herewith.

The fee set in 37 CFR ~~1.17~~ for the three-month extension of time at the large entity rate is \$950.00. A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed covering the extension fee. Please charge any fee deficiency and credit any overpayment to the undersigned attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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